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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Reading for Rivers

Recommended reading to Rep. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.): The new book "The War Business" by George Thayer. It reveals how the U.S.A. has fomented war by dumping \$50 billion worth of arms around the world in the last 15 years. The Pakistan-Indian war was fought with American equipment on both sides. When an embargo was placed on arms to Pakistan, West Germany sold Pakistan 90 F-86s furnished it by the U.S.A. and with U.S.A. blessing . . . CBS, on the lookout for gun-running TV footage, underwrote an anti-Castro invasion force, then pulled out at an over-all loss of \$100,000 . . . In many cases, nations got the wrong weapons, such as Saudi Arabia which purchased Lightning jets, though it had no pilots to fly them; and Guinea which purchased mobile antitank guns, though none of its neighbors operated tank units to threaten Guinea . . . Peru purchased two old cruisers for \$5 million each, though it had trained personnel to operate only one at a time . . . The demise of Chancellor Erhard's government in West Germany in 1966 was due largely to his purchase of American military equipment which Germany did not need, did not want and could not afford . . . Even Congressman Rivers, No. 1 protector of the military, will learn a few things from this book.